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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products December 2015**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary December steel imports were \$1.8 billion (2.1 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary November totals of \$1.7 billion (2.1 million metric tons).

The December change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in wire rods, plates cut lengths, and tin plates. Decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily with China, Germany, and France. Decreases occurred primarily with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through November 2015 showed steel imports of 33.0 million metric tons compared with 36.9 million metric tons through November 2014. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs, and oil country goods. Increases occurred primarily in line pipe and reinforcing bars. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Turkey, Brazil, and Germany.

### **Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

*The next release is February 24, 2016.*